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SUBJ: LIBRARY MUSIC ACTIVITY, REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RECORDS

1. AS A RESULT OF INCREASING AND MODERNIZING THE RECORD COLLECTION IN THE P AND C LIBRARY, THE NUMBER OF MUSIC VISITORS TO OUR LIBRARY HAS DOUBLED SINCE JANUARY AND THE NUMBER OF RECORDS LISTENED TO OR BORROWED INCREASED ALMOST FIVE-FOLD, DESPITE THE RESTRICTIVE LOCAL CLIMATE, AND THE FACT THAT THERE IS A GUARD ACROSS THE STREET.

2. IN JANUARY, THERE WERE 98 RECORDS LISTENED TO IN THE LIBRARY OR BORROWED FROM IT. IN MARCH THE NUMBER WAS 462. MOREOVER, THE NUMBER OF VOA MUSIC TAPES LISTED TO INCREASED FROM 90 TO 182, THE NUMBER OF VTRS SHOWN FROM 6 TO 44, AND THE NUMBER OF RECORDINGS MADE IN THE LIBRARY TRIPLED FROM 43 TO 122. AUDIENCE INCLUDED MUSICIANS, MUSICOLOGISTS, MUSIC EDITORS, SEMAFOR THEATER, CZECH RADIO AND TV PERSONNEL. LIBRARIAN REPORTS HEARING MUSIC TAPED FROM P AND C LIBRARY PLAYED ON CZECH RADIO, DESPITE FACT THAT IT IS UNDER DIRECT PARTY CONTROL AND CLEAR RESTRICTIONS ON PLAYING MUSIC FROM THE WEST.

3. ALSO ON MUSIC SCENE, PARTY PAPER RUDE PRAVO (RED JUSTICE) CONTAINED APRIL 8 CULTURAL EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGING THAT POLICE HAVE CRACKED DOWN ON LOCAL POP MUSIC GROUPS AND "SMALL ROCK GROUPS THAT HAD COMPLETELY FLOPPED AT PROFESSIONAL AUDITIONS A FEW YEARS AGO AND STAGED FRAUDULENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES THAT

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SPILLED OVER INTO DISTURBANCES BREACHING THE PEACE IN TOWNS

AND VILLAGES." GROUPS SUCH AS "PLASTIC SPACEMEN" AND "DG307" (STANDARD MEDICAL NOMENCLATURE FOR NEUROTIC DISTURBANCES) WERE GROUNDED. PARTY ALSO OBJECTED TO SOCALLED "THIRD MUSICAL CULTURE" MUSICIANS "BANGING ON A CAR EXHAUST, PLAYING ON CAR-PENTER'S INSTRUMENTS, AND BASHING CYMBOLS LINKED WITH A BRASSIERE." SAID CRACKDOWN NOT AIMED AT "REAL ARTISTS AND WORKERS ON BROAD CULTURAL FRONT, WHICH ARE A FIRM PART OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY."

4. WHAT THIS INDICATES IS THAT, DESPITE RESTRICTIVE LOCAL ATMOSPHERE, INTEREST IN AMERICAN MUSIC REMAINS STRONG. P AND C AUDIENCE IS LARGELY A MAINSTREAM ONE, DRAWN FROM MUSICAL PROFESSIONALS, CONSERVATORY STUDENTS, RADIO AND TV PROGRAMMERS, AND SOCIALIST YOUTH MEMBERS. IT IS NOT THEM THAT EDITORIAL DISCUSSES.

5. FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING, WE REQUEST AGENCY TO SEND US TOTAL OF 150 NEW RECORDS, WHICH WE WILL GRADUALLY INTRODUCE INTO LIBRARY COLLECTION, INCLUDING 50 TRADITIONAL JAZZ FROM LOUIS ARMSTRONG TO JOHN COLTRANE AND THE MODERN JAZZ QUARTET, 50 BLUEGRASS OR FOLK-BLUEGRASS RECORES, AND 50 TASTEFUL POP RECORDS, COVERING ROCK, FOLK, AND TOP TEN ALBUMS. DUPLICATION OF PRESENT COLLECTION TITLES NOT A PROBLEM AS THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR AMERICAN MUSIC HERE.

6. IF AGENCY WANTS TO INCREASE POST'S DSA ACCOUNT BY APPROXIMATELY DOLS 750, RECORD ORDER BY ICS COULD BE MADE THAT WAY, UNLESS AGENCY SUGGESTS OTHER MECHANISM. QUINN

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